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SUBJ: SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS CLAIMED AT ANGOLAN SUMMIT

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1. JANUARY 12 COMMUNIQUE BY MPLA, FNLA, AND UNITA AT ANGOLAN SUMMIT TALKS IN SOUTHERN PORTUGAL SAYS "NO OBSTACLE" WILL IMPEDE UNITED LIBERATION FRONT IN PREPARATION FOR ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE. COMMUNIQUE ATTACKS RUMORS OF DISUNITY SPREAD BY "ENEMIES" OF ANGOLA.

2. SECOND JANUARY 12 COMMUNIQUE CLAIMS "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS"
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MADE IN JOINT PLAN SUBMITTED BY LIBERATION GROUPS TO PORTUGUESE

DELEGATION. IN JANUARY 12 EVENING TV INTERVIEW, PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES SAID ANGOLA WILL BE INDEPENDENT IN 1975. EMBOFF IN CONTACT WITH PRESIDENCY WAS TOLD JANUARY 13 THAT COSTA GOMES WILL REMAIN IN ALGARVE UNTIL END OF TALKS AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN JANUARY 14 OR 15.

3. EMBOFF PRESENT AT JANUARY 11 UNITA PRESS CONFERENCE AT SUMMIT IN WHICH JORGE VALENTIM AND ANTONIO FERNANDES LASHED OUT A IDEA UNITA HAS COLLABORATED WITH PORTUGUESE, STRONGLY DEFENDED UNITA AS LIBERATION GROUP, AND SAID IT WOULD BE AN INSULT TO ANGOLAN PEOPLE TO DENY UNITA ITS RIGHTFUL ROLE IN ANGOLAN FUTURE.

4. COMMENT: UNITY COMMUNIQUE BY LIBERATION GROUPS AND DEFENSIVE TONE OF UNITA PRESS CONFERENCE SUGGEST "THE LADY DOTH PROTEST TOO MUCH;" DESPITE PROGRESS IN TALKS, OLD DIVISIONS HAVE PROBABLY SURFACED ON AFRICAN SIDE AND BOTH GOP AND LIBERATION GROUPS ARE GOING TO GREAT LENGTH TO PAPER THEM OVER. OUR SOURCES TELL US THAT MAIN POINT OF CONTENTION IS QUESTION OF ROLE AND SIZE OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS' ARMED FORCES IN TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND AFTER INDEPENDENCE. OKUN

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